



## ***Key Points to Consider in Your Correspondence or Phone Call***

1. ***North Carolina's forced annexation statutes are based on a study that is 50 years old. A new, comprehensive, balanced study is needed***
2. ***The General Assembly needs to consider whether the power given to municipalities to involuntarily annex has become too strong.***
3. ***North Carolina's forced annexation statute have one intended purpose -- to extend municipal services into areas that need those services. These statutes are being used for innumerable other and improper purposes.***
4. ***Unprecedented discrimination and segregation is resulting through misuse of North Carolina's forced annexation statutes. Examples: Shaw Heights, Jackson Hamlet, Monroe Town, The Lost City, Silver City, West End, White Level, Micro, Wingate, Shalotte, and Fishertown.***
5. ***Areas are being annexed and taxes increase dramatically, yet no services are provided for many years. Examples: Fayetteville, Knightdale, Cary.***
6. ***Key recommendations of a 10-year-old legislative study were ignored, e.g., a remedy for communities who are annexed but do not receive their services within 60 days. Although the study recommended a statutory remedy, this recommendation was disregarded. (This was the most recent study.)***
7. ***Exorbitant fees for water and sewer lines, hook-up fees, and development fees are being charged to those being annexed. These fees vary from municipality and can be as much as \$35,000 per household.***
8. ***North Carolina's annexation statutes have become a patchwork quilt of exception upon exception.***
9. ***Bills that provide more exceptions to North Carolina's broken annexation statutory scheme are allowed to receive hearings and a vote, while bills that will bring about meaningful change are not even allowed a hearing. They all die in the Rules Committee.***
10. ***North Carolina's forced annexation statutes are not the envy of every state in the country. They may be the envy of other municipalities in other states, but thousands upon thousands of North Carolina citizens are suffering harm due to our undemocratic, unfair, and punitive statutes.***
11. ***The North Carolina League of Municipalities has stated several times this legislative session that they are not opposed to a study of the annexation statutes.***